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Official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

10:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting (closed) on the "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council". A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org).

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017:

Progress in the implementation of the organizational resilience management system (A/70/660 and A/70/7/Add.41)

Managing after-service health insurance liabilities (A/70/590 and A/70/7/Add.42))

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Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2016 substantive session

Sub-working Group 2

10:30 to 13:30 Closed meeting Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 4

10:30 to 13:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 1

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 3

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 1

19:00 to 21:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 3

19:00 to 21:00 Closed meeting Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 4

19:00 to 21:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/70/95, A/70/357, A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add.1) [item 7]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org). Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Please note that *only* scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Executive meeting

International Civil Service Commission
Eighty-second session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Tenth session

Burundi configuration

10:00	Informal meeting	Conference Room 8

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic

10:00 to 11:30 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

1. Meeting with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Central African Republic and Head of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), and the United Nations Mine Action Service
2. Other matters

Economic and Social Council

Statistical Commission
Forty-seventh session

10:00 to 13:00 3rd meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

Items for discussion and decision [item 3] *(continued)*

(b) Transformative agenda for official statistics (E/CN.3/2016/4 and E/CN.3/2016/5)

(c) Big data for official statistics (E/CN.3/2016/6)

(d) National accounts (E/CN.3/2016/7)

(e) Environmental-economic accounting (E/CN.3/2016/8)

(f) International Comparison Programme (E/CN.3/2016/9 and E/CN.3/2016/10)

(g) International statistical classifications (E/CN.3/2016/11)

15:00 to 18:00 4th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

Items for discussion and decision [item 3] *(continued)*

(h) Industrial statistics (E/CN.3/2016/12)

(i) Information and communications technology statistics (E/CN.3/2016/13)

(j) Refugee statistics (E/CN.3/2016/14)

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Further information on the session can be obtained from the website of the Commission (*click here*); or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the forty-sixth session the Commission, please *click here*.]

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

On the draft agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission, convened by the facilitator (Germany)

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Briefing

13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

On behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), the facilitator (Switzerland) will hold a technical briefing on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 78) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Other meetings

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Briefing on the work of the International Law Commission (for the Sixth Committee delegates) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Italy and Peru)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Salvatore Zappalà, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail salvatore.zappala@esteri.it).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Tuesday, 15 March 2016
10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 10 of resolution 69/321 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, will convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly to consider ways and means of further

enhancing the cooperation between Permanent Missions and the United Nations Secretariat.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Representatives from the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the Department of Management (DM), the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Department of Safety and Security (DSS) will be present at the meeting.

Delegations wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers are requested to send an e-mail to poliakova@un.org; with copy to muturi@un.org.

Friday, 18 March 2016
11:00

General Assembly Hall

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting to consider agenda item 70 (Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem
Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem.

The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly,

dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

For more information on the event, please *click here*. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

Thursday, 10 March 2016

10:00	27th meeting	Conference Room 3
Following the 27th meeting		
	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
Working Group

Monday, 14 March 2016
11:30 to 12:45 Conference Room A

On the margins of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Working Group of the Committee will hold a panel discussion on "Women's role in the search for Israeli-Palestinian Peace".

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

Monday, 21 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

Informal preparatory meeting for the seventeenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea.

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the seventeenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs of the seventeenth meeting.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus, will also be posted on the website of the Division as soon as available.

Twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Tuesday, 22, and Wednesday, 23 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/75 of 8 December 2015, the twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held.

Pursuant to paragraph 49 of the resolution, States, and entities referred to in article 1, paragraph 2 (b), of the Agreement, that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are also invited to attend as observers.

The Informal Consultations will serve primarily as a preparatory meeting for the resumed Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement to be held in New York from Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 May 2016, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 69/109 of 9 December 2014 and 70/75. Further information on the matter can be found on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs by *clicking here.*

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the informal consultations to the Division by *Thursday, 17 March 2016* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session
(4-22 April 2016)

Monday, 4 April 2016
10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leu@un.org), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative (s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly,

any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

Thursday, 10 March 2016
15:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will hold an open briefing on "The Effective Adjudication of Terrorism Cases".

The objective of the open briefing is to raise awareness of the main challenges faced by judges when adjudicating terrorism cases and highlight the special role of Supreme Court Justices in strengthening States' capacities to bring terrorists to justice.

The participants will include Associate Justice Stephen Breyer of the United States Supreme Court and several Supreme Court Chief Justices and Justices from Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Mr. Breyer's participation will mark the first occasion on which a sitting Supreme Court Justice of the host country has participated in an official meeting at United Nations Headquarters.

The briefing will be open to Member and Observer States, members of the media (including photographers with valid accreditation), United Nations staff members and interns, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations, and specialized agencies, as well as invited guests with a valid pass.

Participants without a valid United Nations ground pass were requested to complete the online registration form (please *click here*), please note that the registration closed on 5 March. Additional information is posted on the Committee's website (please *click here*).

Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Matteo Sestito, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) Associate Political Affairs Officer (e-mail sestito@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal informal consultations

Friday, 11 March 2016
10:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope

and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality. The special meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail tanoy@un.org *no later than* noon on Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and Management Meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the Coordination and Management Meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies for

which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than* Thursday, 17 March 2016, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (Attn. Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

Thursday, 10 March 2016

08:15 to 09:45	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room E
18:15 to 19:45	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room E

On the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the Permanent Missions of Botswana and Madagascar (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)).

Friday, 11 March 2016

08:15 to 09:45	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room E

On the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the Permanent Missions of Botswana and Madagascar (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)).

Sixtieth session
(14-24 March 2016)

Monday, 14 March 2016

10:00 Opening meeting

The annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2016/1 and E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (*click here*). The list of side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission can be consulted by *clicking here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, the members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations *as soon as possible* (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers in the conference room, only observers who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat *by Thursday, 10 March 2016*, will have reserved seats. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *list of speakers for the general discussion* is open. Requests for inscription should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and functional title of the speaker, to the

Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; Room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The general discussion of agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 14 March, in the morning, and will continue in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 15 March; in the morning (*from 12:00 to 13:00 only*) of Wednesday, 16 March; in the morning and afternoon of Friday, 18 March; and in the morning of Wednesday, 23 March. For the schedule of the general discussion under agenda item 3, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed *ten minutes*.

Ministerial round tables

The Commission will hold four ministerial round tables in the afternoon of Monday, 14 March 2016. For further information, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1), as well as the discussion guide (E/CN.6/2016/5).

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister and to indicate their first and second preferences for participation in Ministerial round tables C and D, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), as round tables A and B, are oversubscribed.

Interactive dialogue with ministers

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister wishing to participate in the "Interactive dialogue with ministers" on Wednesday, 16 March 2016, from 10:00 to 12:00, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Due to time constraints, a limited number of ministers will be accommodated on a first-come.

There will be no established lists of speakers for all of the interactive events, including the Ministerial round tables.

PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service during the sixtieth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Information on the p*articipation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted (*click here*).

Reports of relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixtieth session and can be addressed by *clicking here*.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016
10:00 1st meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session.

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Monday, 21 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

A special event in celebration of the International Day of Forests and World Water Day. The theme of the event is "Forests and Water Sustain Life and Livelihoods".

The event will be comprised of an opening session followed by a panel discussion on forests, water and economic development and a general discussion on the theme "Forest and water are essential for the 2030 Agenda".

The list of speakers for the general discussion is *now open*. For inscription to this list, kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the Deputy Secretary of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The deadline to inscribe on the list is *17:00, on Friday, 18 March 2016*. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is three minutes. Please note that interpretation might not be available for this informal event.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (tel. 1 (917) 367-5069; e-mail sen@un.org with copy to forests@un.org) or visit the website of the Forum Secretariat.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Briefing on the Conference on Preventing Violent Extremism, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland (7-8 April 2016) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT))

Thursday, 10 March 2016
10:00 to 12:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Emilda Nylander-Smith, CTITF (e-mail smithe@un.org).

Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) (on large movements of refugees and migrants)

Thursday, 10 March 2016
11:30 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Informal briefing on "The establishment of a UN Live Museum" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark and by the Association for a United Nations Live Museum)

Thursday, 10 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room F

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kit Clausen, Permanent Mission of Denmark (e-mail kitcla@um.dk; tel. 1 (917) 535-6736).

Briefing on the ILO report "Women at Work Trends 2016" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Brazil and Sweden and by the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Friday, 11 March 2016
08:30 to 09:30 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Pak, ILO Office for the United Nations (e-mail pak@ilo.org; tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).

High-level forum on "Investing in adolescent girls to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

Friday, 11 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Renata Cap, UNFPA (e-mail cap@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-5187).

Dialogue with Member States on the rule of law at the international level on "Strengthening the Rule of Law through the United Nations Security Council" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Japan and the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General) (on behalf of the United Nations Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group)

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (Ms. Adriana de la Espriella (e-mail delaespriella@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2962); or Ms. Lilibeth Benitez (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935)).

Informal briefing on the latest developments regarding the measures being taken in response to incidents of sexual exploitation and abuse, as contained in the Secretary-General's recently released report on the subject (A/70/729) (by the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support (for the members of the Fifth Committee)) (organized by the Department of Field Support)

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

Event on "Monitoring Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 8

For further information, please contact the UNESCO New York Office (e-mail newyork@unesco.org).

Asia-Pacific Group (for the member States of the International Seabed Authority (ISA))

Friday, 11 March 2016
15:00 Closed meeting Conference Room F

Consultation on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Friday, 11 March 2016
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Forum on "Leave No Woman's Issues Behind" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Grenada and My Sisters' Health Watch Team)

Monday, 14 March 2016
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Grenada (e-mail grenada@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 599-0301); or My Sister's Health Watch Team (e-mail unescocforge@gmail.com; tel. 1 (516) 943-3174).

Round table on the Second Anniversary of the adoption of the General Assembly resolution entitled "Territorial integrity of Ukraine" (A/RES/68/262) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Thursday, 17 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Volodymyr Mialkovskyi, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail mialkovskyi@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).

Event on "Planning, designing and building websites for permanent missions" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

Tuesday, 22 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

List of participants

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, States will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing

ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Regarding signature of the Paris agreement, please see page 24.

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region. The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116. The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here);* or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Eighth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents

Finding speeches

Security Council documentation

General Assembly documentation

Treaty research

Basic research on United Nations topics

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 8 March 2016

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Fifth Committee

[archived video]

26th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [item 132]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the fifth progress report of the Secretary-General on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat (A/70/668).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/770).

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (on behalf of the members of the European Union), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein), the United States and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Vice-Chair (Israel) informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held on that day, Tuesday, 8 March, in the afternoon, and would be coordinated by Mr. Danny Rahdiansyah (Indonesia).

The Vice-Chair (Israel) further informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on that day, Tuesday, 8 March, immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting on agenda item 140 (Joint Inspection Unit), which would be coordinated by Ms. Merav Turel (Israel).

Economic and Social Council

Statistical Commission
Forty-seventh session

[archived video]

1st meeting

The Chair of the forty-sixth session of the Commission, Mr. John Pullinger (United Kingdom), opened the session.

Election of officers [item 1]

The representative of the Dominican Republic made a statement.

Ms. Wasmália Bivar (Brazil) was elected, by acclamation, as Chair of the forty-seventh session of the Commission.

The newly elected Chair made a statement.

The representative of Cameroon made a statement.

The Commission elected, by acclamation, Mr. Zachary Mwangi Chege (Kenya), Mr. Gyeongjoon Yoo (the Republic of Korea), and Mr. John Pullinger (United Kingdom) as Vice-Chairs, and Ms. Aija Zigure (Latvia), as Rapporteur.

The Assistant Secretary-General of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Mr. Lenni Montiel, made an opening statement.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

The Secretary of the Commission made a statement.

The Chair made a statement.

The Commission adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document E/CN.3/2016/1.

The Commission approved its organization of work, contained in document E/CN.3/2016/L.1.

Intergovernmental organizations wishing to participate in the work of the forty-seventh session of the Commission

The Commission invited the following intergovernmental organizations to participate as observers in the session: the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and the Observatoire Economique et Statistique D'Afrique Subsaharienne (AFRISTAT).

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

Items for discussion and decision [item 3]

The Chair made a statement.

Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development [item 3 (a)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the observer for the Philippines, who introduced document E/CN.3/2016/2/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China, Cuba, Germany, the Russian Federation, Qatar (on behalf of States members of the Gulf Cooperation Council) and the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), as well as by the observers from Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Nauru (on behalf of Small Islands Developing States), Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Zambia (on behalf of the Land-Locked Developing Countries), Colombia (on behalf of States members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the States members of the Group of African States) and the Maldives (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Islands States).

2nd meeting

Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development [item 3 (a)]

The Commission continued its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of Italy, Sweden, Barbados, Latvia, the Dominican Republic, the United Kingdom, Japan, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand and Bulgaria, as well as by the observers from Mexico, Ecuador, India, Kyrgyzstan, Indonesia, Algeria, Switzerland, Canada, Cambodia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Belarus, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Yemen, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Norway, France, Suriname and Mongolia.

Statements were also made by the observer for the Observer State of Palestine (on behalf of the States members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)), the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), speaking on behalf of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Chief of the Statistical Services Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), summarized the discussion.

The observer for Hungary introduced document E/CN.3/2016/3.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, Japan, Sweden and the Dominican Republic, as well as by the observers from the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Switzerland.

A statement was also made by the observer for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), speaking on behalf of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA).

The Chief of the Statistical Services Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), summarized the discussion.

Transformative agenda for official statistics [item 3 (b)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), who introduced document E/CN.3/2016/4.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and the Netherlands, as well as by the observer for Denmark.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 20 November 1989

Objection to the reservations made by Somalia upon ratification: Netherlands (8 March 2016)

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Accession: Iraq (8 March 2016)

Paris Agreement
Paris, 12 December 2015

Opening for signature

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony, convened by the Secretary-General, to be held on Friday, 22 April 2016, are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, *as soon as possible*, and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, the communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

[Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org) or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693.]

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

Asia-Pacific States
Indonesia
His Excellency Muhammad Anshor
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Yashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
Antigua and Barbuda
His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

Western European and other States
Luxembourg
Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas

General Assembly

Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers* delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services* delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents* of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307

of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

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For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail e-meetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

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For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

For broadcast TV coverage, please contact Mr. David Woodie/DPI (e-mail woodie@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9399);

For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Request for the use of the General Assembly Hall

The reservation of the General Assembly Hall is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful *links* to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

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An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

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These easy to use kiosks are located in the Delegates Lounge in the General Assembly Hall on the 2nd Floor and in the Vienna Café area in the Secretariat Building.

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www.un.org/depts/dpa

Presidency of the Security Council
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
www.un.org/sc/1540/

Security Council Subsidiary Bodies
www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html

Economic and Social Council
www.un.org/en/ecosoc/

Office for Disarmament Affairs
www.un.org/disarmament/

United Nations Treaty Collection
http://treaties.un.org/

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
owww.un.org/law/avl/

Dag Hammarskjöld Library
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International Court of Justice
www.icj-cij.org/

Journal of the United Nations
www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp

United Nations Press Releases
www.un.org/en/unpress/index.asp

United Nations Webcast
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Yearbook of the United Nations
http://unyearbook.un.org

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www.un.org/chronicle

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www.papersmart.unmeetings.org/

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With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations http://documents.un.org in the electronic version of the present Journal.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Seventieth session**
A/70/PV.76	Meeting held on 15 December 2015 [A C E F R S] — *26 pages*
A/70/7/Add.44	Item 134 — Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council — Thematic cluster II: sanctions

monitoring teams, groups and panels — Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities — Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*

A/70/318 (Part II) Items 142 and 148 — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on peace operations for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015 — Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [A C E F R S] — *27 pages*

A/70/768–S/2016/206 Item 120 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Letter dated 29 February 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

A/70/772 Item 146 — Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals — Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S] — *12 pages*

A/RES/70/227 Items 126, 127 and 128 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 23 December 2015 — International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

A/RES/70/233 Item 72 (c) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 23 December 2015 — Situation of human rights in Myanmar [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

A/C.4/70/SR.23 Summary record of the 23rd meeting [A C E F R S] — *14 pages*

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Seventieth session

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First part of the resumed session

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Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2016 substantive session

Working Group of the whole

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10:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

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18:00 to 21:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Sub-working Group 3

18:00 to 21:00 Closed meeting Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 4

18:00 to 21:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

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[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org). Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Support account for peacekeeping operations
2. Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules
3. Support account for peacekeeping operations

International Civil Service Commission
Eighty-second session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

15:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Open briefing on "The Effective Adjudication of Terrorism Cases" [webcast]

The objective of the open briefing is to raise awareness of the main challenges faced by judges when adjudicating terrorism cases and highlight the special role of Supreme Court Justices in strengthening States' capacities to bring terrorists to justice.

The participants will include Associate Justice Stephen Breyer of the United States Supreme Court and several Supreme Court Chief Justices and Justices from Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Mr. Breyer's participation will mark the first occasion on which a sitting Supreme Court Justice of the host country has participated in an official meeting at United Nations Headquarters.

The briefing will be open to Member and Observer States, members of the media (including photographers with valid accreditation), United Nations staff members and interns, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations, and specialized agencies, as well as invited guests with a valid pass.

Participants without a valid United Nations ground pass were requested to complete the online registration form (please *click here*), please note that the registration closed on 5 March. Additional information is posted on the Committee's website (please *click here*).

Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Matteo Sestito, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) Associate Political Affairs Officer (e-mail sestito@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Statistical Commission
Forty-seventh session

10:00 to 13:00 5th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

Items for discussion and decision [item 3] *(continued)*

(g) International statistical classifications (E/CN.3/2016/11)

(h) Industrial statistics (E/CN.3/2016/12)

(i) Information and communications technology statistics (E/CN.3/2016/13)

(j) Refugee statistics (E/CN.3/2016/14)

15:00 to 18:00 6th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

1. Items for discussion and decision [item 3] *(continued)*

(k) Climate change statistics (E/CN.3/2016/15)

(l) Governance statistics (E/CN.3/2016/16)

(m) Regional statistical development in western Asia (E/CN.3/2016/17)

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(b) Demographic statistics (E/CN.3/2016/19)

(c) Gender statistics (E/CN.3/2016/20)

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(e) Disability statistics (E/CN.3/2016/22)

(f) International trade and economic globalization statistics (E/CN.3/2016/23 and E/CN.3/2016/24)

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(i) Environmental statistics (E/CN.3/2016/27)

(j) Culture statistics (E/CN.3/2016/28)

(k) Price statistics (E/CN.3/2016/29)

(l) Statistics for economies based on natural resources (E/CN.3/2016/30)

(m) Integration of statistical and geospatial information (E/CN.3/2016/31)

(n) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the general Assembly and the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.3/2016/32)

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To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the forty-sixth session the Commission, please *click here*.]

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

08:15 to 09:45	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room E
18:15 to 19:45	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room E

On the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the Permanent Missions of Botswana and Madagascar (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC))

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

On the draft agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission, convened by the facilitator (Germany)

Meeting of co-sponsors

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room F

On the draft resolution entitled "Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts", convened by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan

Other meetings

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Briefing on the Conference on Preventing Violent Extremism, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland (7-8 April 2016) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT))

10:00 to 12:00 — Economic and Social Council Chamber

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Emilda Nylander-Smith, CTITF (e-mail smithe@un.org).

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Population and Development)

13:15 to 14:30 — Conference Room C

Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) (on large movements of refugees and migrants)

11:30 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 12

Informal briefing on "The establishment of a UN Live Museum" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark and by the Association for a United Nations Live Museum)

13:15 to 14:30 — Conference Room F

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kit Clausen, Permanent Mission of Denmark (e-mail kitcla@um.dk; tel. 1 (917) 535-6736).

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

15:00 to 16:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 9

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 — Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guests:* Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women); and Mr. Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women Bureau (on the upcoming sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (14 March))]

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Tuesday, 15 March 2016
10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 10 of resolution 69/321 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, will convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly to consider ways and means of further enhancing the cooperation between Permanent Missions and the United Nations Secretariat.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Representatives from the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the Department of Management (DM), the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Department of Safety and Security (DSS) will be present at the meeting.

Delegations wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers are requested to send an e-mail to poliakova@un.org; with copy to muturi@un.org.

Friday, 18 March 2016
11:00 General Assembly Hall

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting to consider agenda item 70 (Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information on the event, please *click here*. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem

Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem. The thirtieth special session shall consist of a

general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group. In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

Friday, 11 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
Working Group

Monday, 14 March 2016
11:30 to 12:45 Conference Room A

On the margins of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Working Group of the Committee will hold a panel discussion on "Women's role in the search for Israeli-Palestinian Peace"

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

Monday, 21 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the seventeenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs of the seventeenth meeting.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus, will also be posted on the website of the Division as soon as available.

Twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Tuesday, 22 and Wednesday, 23 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/75 of 8 December 2015, the twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held.

Pursuant to paragraph 49 of the resolution, States, and entities referred to in article 1, paragraph 2 (b), of the Agreement, that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are also invited to attend as observers.

The Informal Consultations will serve primarily as a preparatory meeting for the resumed Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement to be held in New York from Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 May 2016, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 69/109 of 9 December 2014 and 70/75. Further information on the matter can be found on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs by *clicking here*.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the informal consultations to the Division by *Thursday, 17 March 2016* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session
(4-22 April 2016)

Monday, 4 April 2016
10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leu@un.org), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative (s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly,

any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
Nineteenth session

Monday, 14 March 2016
15:00 to 17:00 informal consultations Conference Room C

The General Assembly's High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation will hold informal consultations on the report of the Secretary-General for submission to the nineteenth session of the High-level Committee, as called for in General Assembly resolutions A/RES/69/239*, A/RES/70/222 and decision 18/1 and 18/IM/1 of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation. For further information on the work of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, please contact Mr. Cosmas Gitta (e-mail cosmas.gitta@undp.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-6441).

Economic and Social Council

2016 session
Plenary meeting

Monday, 14 March 2016
15:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Honduras) will convene a plenary meeting of the Council to take action on the draft decisions on the dates and themes of the meetings of its 2016 session (documents to be issued as E/2016/L.9, E/2016/L.10, E/2016/L.11 and E/2016/L.12) as well as on the date and venue of the first meeting of the twelfth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (document to be issued as E/2016/L.13).

Informal informal consultations

Friday, 11 March 2016
10:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope

and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality. The special meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail tanoy@un.org *no later than* noon on Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and Management Meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the Coordination and Management Meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies for

which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than* Thursday, 17 March 2016, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (Attn. Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Commission on the Status of Women

Friday, 11 March 2016
08:15 to 09:45 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room E

On the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the Permanent Missions of Botswana and Madagascar (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)).

Sixtieth session
(14-24 March 2016)

Monday, 14 March 2016
10:00 Opening meeting

The annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2016/1 and E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (*click here*). The list of side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission can be consulted by *clicking here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements,* the members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations *as soon as possible* (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers in the conference room, only observers who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat by *today,* 10 March 2016, will have reserved seats. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *list of speakers for the general discussion* is open. Requests for inscription should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and functional title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; Room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The *general discussion of agenda item 3* (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 14 March, in the morning, and will continue in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 15 March; in the morning (*from 12:00 to 13:00 only*) of Wednesday, 16 March; in the morning and afternoon of Friday, 18 March; and in the

morning of Wednesday, 23 March. For the schedule of the general discussion under agenda item 3, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed *ten minutes*.

The Commission will hold *four ministerial round tables* in the afternoon of Monday, 14 March 2016. For further information, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1), as well as the discussion guide (E/CN.6/2016/5).

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister and to indicate their first and second preferences for participation in Ministerial round tables C and D, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), as round tables A and B, are oversubscribed.

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister wishing to participate in the *interactive dialogue with ministers* on Wednesday, 16 March 2016, from 10:00 to 12:00, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Due to time constraints, a limited number of ministers will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will be no established lists of speakers for all of the interactive events, including the Ministerial round tables.

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Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted (*click here*).

As requested in relevant resolutions, the *reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women* at its sixtieth session and can be addressed by *clicking here*.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016
10:00 1st meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For participation and seating arrangements, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their

delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session.

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Monday, 21 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

A special event in celebration of the International Day of Forests and World Water Day. The theme of the event is "Forests and Water Sustain Life and Livelihoods".

The event will be comprised of an opening session followed by a panel discussion on forests, water and economic development and a general discussion on the theme "Forest and water are essential for the 2030 Agenda".

The list of speakers for the general discussion is *now open*. For inscription to this list, kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the Deputy Secretary of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The deadline to inscribe on the list is *17:00, on Friday, 18 March 2016*. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is three minutes. Please note that interpretation might not be available for this informal event.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (tel. 1 (917) 367-5069; e-mail sen@un.org with copy to forests@un.org) or visit the website of the Forum Secretariat.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by Permanent Missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Friday, 11 March 2016
10:00 to 11:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room F

Monday, 14 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room E

Wednesday, 16 March 2016
10:00 to 11:30 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room F

Forthcoming other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.

Briefing on the ILO report "Women at Work Trends 2016" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Brazil and Sweden and by the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Friday, 11 March 2016
08:30 to 09:30 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Pak, ILO Office for the United Nations (e-mail pak@ilo.org; tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).

High-level forum on "Investing in adolescent girls to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

Friday, 11 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Renata Cap, UNFPA (e-mail cap@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-5187).

Briefing on the preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Friday, 11 March 2016
11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 3

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gloria Rivera, OCHA (e-mail riverag@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 909-7825).

Dialogue with Member States on the rule of law at the international level on "Strengthening the Rule of Law through the United Nations Security Council" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Japan and the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General) (on behalf of the United Nations Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group)

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (Ms. Adriana de la Espriella (e-mail delaespriella@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2962); or Ms. Lilibeth Benitez (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935)).

Event on "Monitoring Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 8

For further information, please contact the UNESCO New York Office (e-mail newyork@unesco.org).

Informal briefing on the latest developments regarding the measures being taken in response to incidents of sexual exploitation and abuse, as contained in the Secretary-General's recently released report on the subject (A/70/729) (by the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support (for the members of the Fifth Committee)) (organized by the Department of Field Support)

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 *Conference Room 3*

Asia-Pacific Group (for the member States of the International Seabed Authority (ISA))

Friday, 11 March 2016
15:00 Closed meeting Conference Room F

Consultation on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Friday, 11 March 2016
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Forum on "Leave No Woman's Issues Behind" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Grenada and My Sisters' Health Watch Team)

Monday, 14 March 2016
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Grenada (e-mail grenada@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 599-0301); or My Sister's Health Watch Team (e-mail unescocforge@gmail.com; tel. 1 (516) 943-3174).

Event on "Are Human Rights under Assault? Massive human rights violations, violent extremism, and shrinking democratic space in a troubled world" (on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Human Rights Council) (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Tuesday, 15 March 2016
15:00 to 17:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Nenad Vasić, OHCHR, New York Office (e-mail vasic@un.org).

Round table on the Second Anniversary of the adoption of the General Assembly resolution entitled "Territorial integrity of Ukraine" (A/RES/68/262) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Thursday, 17 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Volodymyr Mialkovskyi, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail mialkovskyi@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).

Event on "Planning, designing and building websites for permanent missions" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

Tuesday, 22 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

United Nations Roundtable on Legal Aspects of the Question of Palestine
(Hotel InterContinental in Amman)
Amman, Jordan (15-17 March 2016)

The theme of the roundtable is "Instruments and institutions of international treaty law – theory and practice".

For further information please *click here*.

By organizing this event, the Committee wishes to develop the expertise of the Palestinian Government staff in the field of international treaty law, including provisions, mechanisms for implementation, reporting obligations and other practices; discuss the opportunities and strategies for the State of Palestine to engage with these instruments on the international arena and learn from relevant best practices in the application of these instruments.

The roundtable would be held in closed-door format and under Chatham House Rule.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok.

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1.

For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, States will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Regarding signature of the Paris agreement, please see page 24.

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region. The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116. The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here)*; or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Eighth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members

of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents

Finding speeches

Security Council documentation

General Assembly documentation

Treaty research

Basic research on United Nations topics

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

In addition, the library will conduct lunch hour information sessions during the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (14 to 24 March 2016), in the Library (Room L-133). All permanent representatives, United Nations entities, and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited. No registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament: Call for nominations

The Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) wishes to draw the attention of Member States to its Note Verbale ODA/01-2016/FP, dated 4 January 2016, inviting nominations to the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament. The *deadline is Friday, 15 April 2016.*

For permanent missions that have not yet received this note verbale, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here.*

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here.*

For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of

international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 9 March 2016

Economic and Social Council

Statistical Commission
Forty-seventh session

[archived video]

3rd meeting

Transformative agenda for official statistics [item 3 (b)]

The Commission continued its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Cuba, the United Kingdom and China, as well as by the observers from Ireland, Suriname, Kuwait, Cabo Verde (on behalf of the States members of the Group of African States), Egypt (on behalf of the States members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)), Mongolia, Jordan, the Philippines, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bangladesh, Timor-Leste, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Australia, Ecuador and Saudi Arabia.

Statements were also made by the observers for the European Commission (EUROSTAT), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the African Development Bank.

The Chief of the Economics Statistics Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), summarized the discussion.

Big data for official statistics [item 3 (c)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the observer for Australia, who introduced document E/CN.3/2016/6.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Germany, the United States, Cameroon, the Russian Federation, the Netherlands, Italy, Brazil, China, Latvia and Japan, as well as by the observers from the Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, Spain, Egypt, Denmark, France, Morocco, Armenia, Mexico, Malaysia, the Philippines, the United Republic of Tanzania and Portugal.

Statement was also made by the observer for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), speaking on behalf of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA).

The Chief of the Trade Statistics Branch, DESA, summarized the discussion.

National accounts [item 3 (d)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the observer from the World Bank, who introduced document E/CN.3/2016/7.

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Germany, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea and Latvia, as well as by the observers from the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Nigeria.

4th meeting

National accounts [item 3 (d)]

The Commission continued its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements from the observers for Jamaica, Suriname, Egypt, the United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS)), Belize, Indonesia, Cabo Verde, Morocco and the Philippines.

The Chief of the Economic Statistics Branch, DESA, summarized the discussion.

Environmental economic accounting [item 3 (e)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the representative of the Netherlands, who introduced document E/CN.3/2016/8.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Sweden, the Republic of Korea and the United States, as well as by the observers for the Islamic Republic of Iran, Samoa (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS)), Switzerland, Morocco, Belize, Norway, Suriname, India and Myanmar.

Statements were also made by the observers for the European Union, the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The Chief of the Economic Statistics Branch, DESA, summarized the discussion.

International Comparison Programme [item 3 (f)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the observer for Austria, who introduced document E/CN.3/2016/9.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Japan, Barbados, China, Brazil and the Republic of Korea, as well as by the observers for Switzerland, Suriname, the Federated States of Micronesia, Uganda (on behalf of the States members of the Group of African States), Indonesia, Denmark, Mexico, Poland, Egypt, Cabo Verde, Morocco and India.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-Stat), the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD),

speaking also on behalf of EUROSTAT, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

The Chief of the Economic Statistics Branch, DESA, summarized the discussion.

International statistical classifications [item 3 (g)]

The Commission began its consideration of the sub-item and heard a statement by the representative of New Zealand, who introduced document E/CN.3/2016/11.

Statements were made by the observers for the Islamic Republic of Iran and Samoa (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS)).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

Paris Agreement
Paris, 12 December 2015

Opening for signature

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony, convened by the Secretary-General, to be held on Friday, 22 April 2016, are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, *as soon as possible*, and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, the communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org) or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

Asia-Pacific States
Indonesia
His Excellency Muhammad Anshor
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Vashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
Antigua and Barbuda
His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

Western European and other States
Luxembourg
Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers* delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services* delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents* of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail e-meetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

After a conference room has been assigned in eMeets, please contact the following offices if other services are also needed:

For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

For broadcast TV coverage, please contact Mr. David Woodie/DPI (e-mail woodie@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9399);

For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Request for the use of the General Assembly Hall

The reservation of the General Assembly Hall is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful *links* to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

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Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org.

An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

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